

PIRATES OF VOURAKIS

HEY, WHO'D
YOU SAY?

YOU ARE IN VIOLATION
OF GOVERNOR CORDELL'S
COLONY WARE CURFEW.

HUFF,
HUFF!

REFUSE
5
ENTER

WORD
VWORP

YOU ARE IN VIOLATION
OF GOVERNOR CORDELL'S
COLONY WARE...

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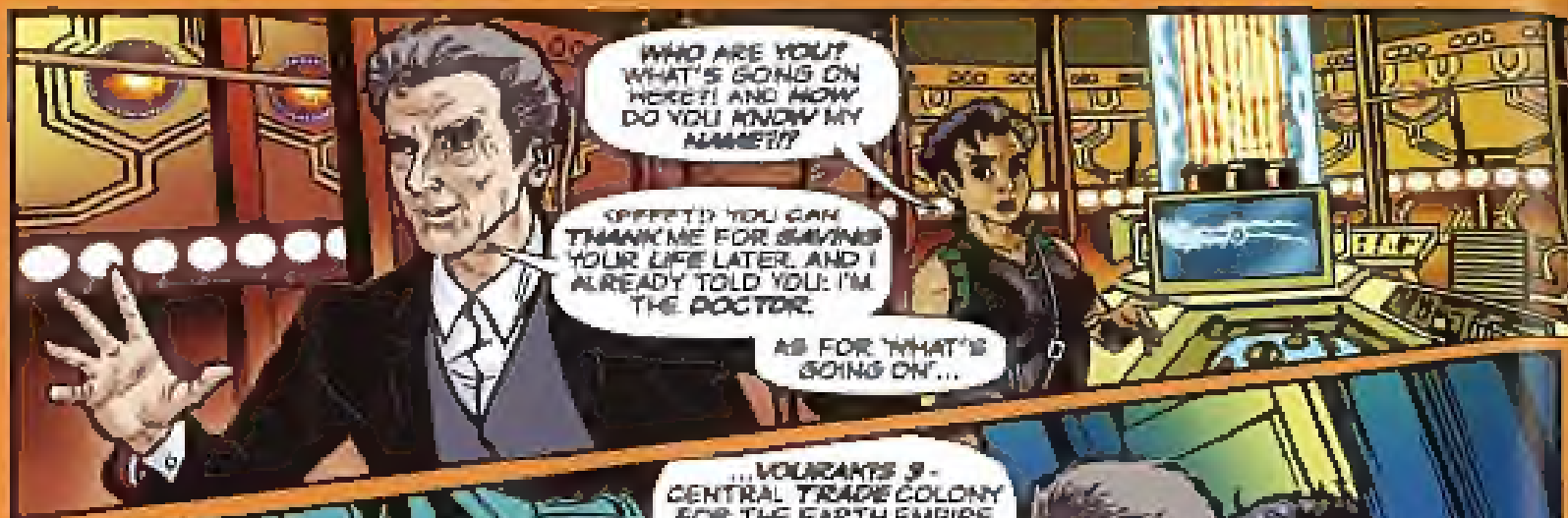
OK, WE'RE
ON A TIGHT
SCHEDULE
SO...

WORD
VWORP

YES, THE
INSIDE'S
BIGGER.

I'M THE
DOCTOR.

AND YOU AND I
HAVE A PROBLEM
TO SOLVE, HEDDY
GARBERT!



WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT'S GOING ON
HERE? AND HOW
DO YOU KNOW MY
NAME??

(GREET!) YOU CAN
THANK ME FOR SAVING
YOUR LIFE LATER, AND I
ALREADY TOLD YOU: I'M
THE DOCTOR.

AS FOR 'WHAT'S
GOING ON'...



...YOURATE'S 9 -
CENTRAL TRADE COLONY
FOR THE EARTH EMPIRE
- IS BEING BLOCKADED
BY THIS MYSTERIOUS
AND RATHER ANNOYING
PIRATE SHIP.

BUT YOU
KNOW THAT
ALREADY....



...BECAUSE YOU'RE
HEDDY GARBER, STAR
REPORTER FOR EARTH'S
LEADING HOLO-ZINE,
TRANSMETROPOLITAN.

HOW LONG
HAVE YOU
BEEN HERE?

THREE
WEEKS.



GOOD THING I
SHOWED UP THEM!

WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT??

OH,
NOTHING...



...JUST THAT I
CAN GET YOU
EXACTLY WHERE
YOU NEED TO BE TO
CRACK THIS
STORY.



WHICH
IS?

"ON BOARD THAT SHIP"

WOP
WOP

OK, NOW WE'RE
HERE IT'S VITAL
WE MAINTAIN THE
ELEMENT OF...

—THANKS TO THE
BLOCKADE, I ANTICIPATE A
50% INCREASE IN BLACK
MARKET REVENUE BY
YEARS —

...SURPRISE!

SHHH... DON BLUNDER.
I THINK WE MAY
HAVE A PROBLEM.

AYE, SSSSSSSSS

FLI BERNADODOD
IMMEDIATELY

MY BROTHERSSSSSS...

YOU GOT
A PLAN?

TRIED AND
TESTED.

DOES IT
INVOLVE
RUNNING?



HOW'D YOU GUESS??

...SSSSSSSEIZE THE INTRUDERSSSSSS!

THAT WAS COLONY GOVERNOR CORDELL ON THE SCREEN!

WELL, LOOKS LIKE HE'S YOUR MAN BEHIND THE BLOCKADE.

CAN'T SAY I'M SURPRISED...



"...THERE'S NO WAY THE SHINKS ARE CLEVER ENOUGH TO PULL OFF SOMETHING LIKE THIS ON THEIR OWN."



SHINKS???

THE LIZARD FELLAS.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU KNOW THEM WELL

WE DON'T EXACTLY SWAP CHRISTMAS CARDS BUT YEAH--



--WE'VE CROSSED PATHS BEFORE!

ARRRRRRRR!



I'M GUESSING THIS WASN'T PART OF THE PLAN?

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STOLE A
BLACK HOLE
DRIVE!

BANNED IN EVERY
CORNER OF THE
SEVEN SYSTEMS.

SUSCEPTIBLE TO
LOW-LEVEL SONIC
PULSES.

TERRIBLE
MILEAGE.

WE FIND IT
USSSSSSSEFUL....

--FOR DISSSSSPOSSSSSSS
OF OUR RUBISSSSSH.

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

I HOPE GOVERNOR
CORDELL'S PAYING
YOU FOR THE JOKES,
CAPTAIN!

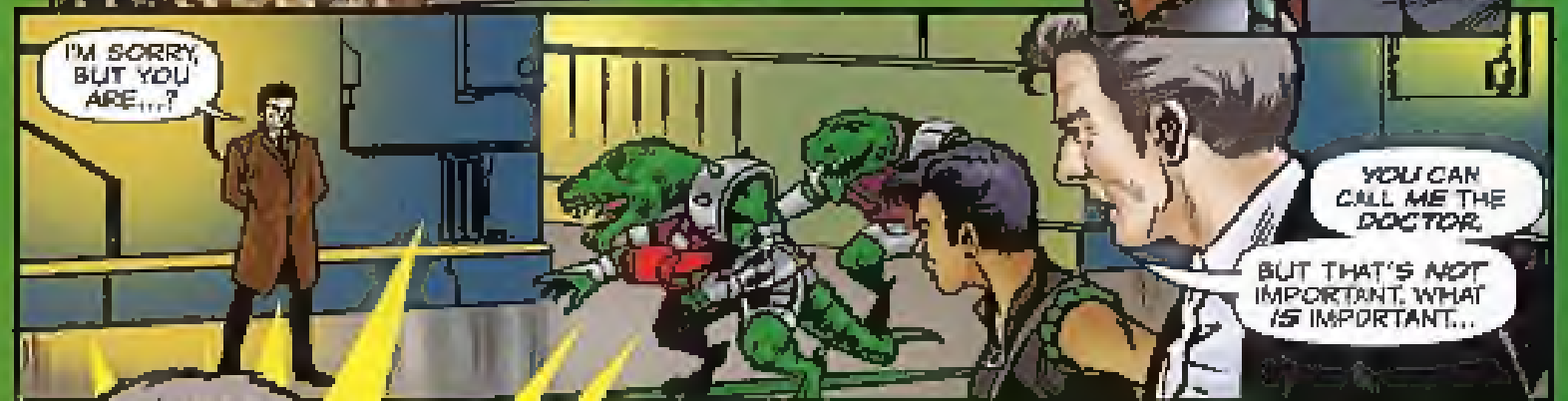


ACTUALLY, I THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT
TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, I'M
THE CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP!

THEN YOU'RE A
VERY BUSY MAN,
GOVERNOR.

POLITICIAN,
SHIP'S CAPTAIN,
CRIMINAL.

WHERE DO
YOU FIND
THE TIME?



I'M SORRY,
BUT YOU
ARE...?

YOU CAN
CALL ME THE
DOCTOR.

BUT THAT'S NOT
IMPORTANT. WHAT
IS IMPORTANT...



THIS THAT I'M GOING
TO STOP YOU AND YOUR
PARTNERS HERE FROM
PLUNGING THE EMPIRE
INTO A POINTLESS WAR
JUST SO YOU CAN MAKE
A QUICK BUCK.

COMPRENDE?

AND HOW DO YOU
PROPOSE TO DO THAT
FROM THE INSIDE OF A
BLACK HOLE?

HE'S GOT
A POINT.

TRUE.



BUT THEN I'M NOT
THE ONE GOING
INTO THE BLACK
HOLE!

WHRRRRRRR!



BLACK HOLE CONTAINMENT
FIELD FAILURE!

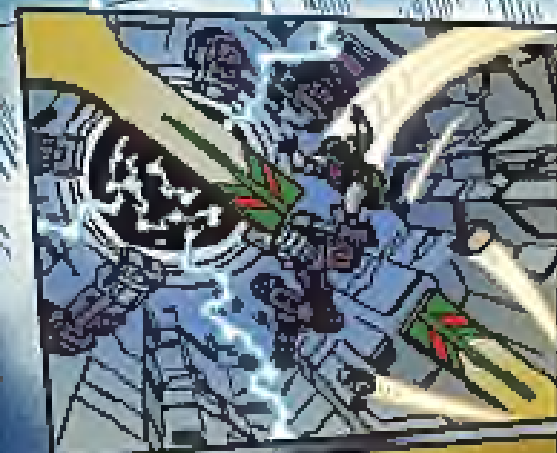
UP FOR
SOME MORE
RUNNING?

WORKS
FOR ME!

REPEAT! BLACK
HOLE CONTAINMENT
FIELD FAILURE!

OUR SSSSSSSSSHHH
SSSSSS
COMPROMISSSSSSSED!

I'M SORRY,
SLUNKER...



CORDELL, HELP
SSSSSS!



...BUT IT'S TIME FOR
THIS CAPTAIN TO
ABANDON SHIP!

SSSSSSSS!

FZZK!



PLEASE TELL ME
YOU HAD THIS
PLANNED ALL
ALONG?

PLANS? WHO
NEEDS PLANS?!
PLANS ARE
OVERRATED!

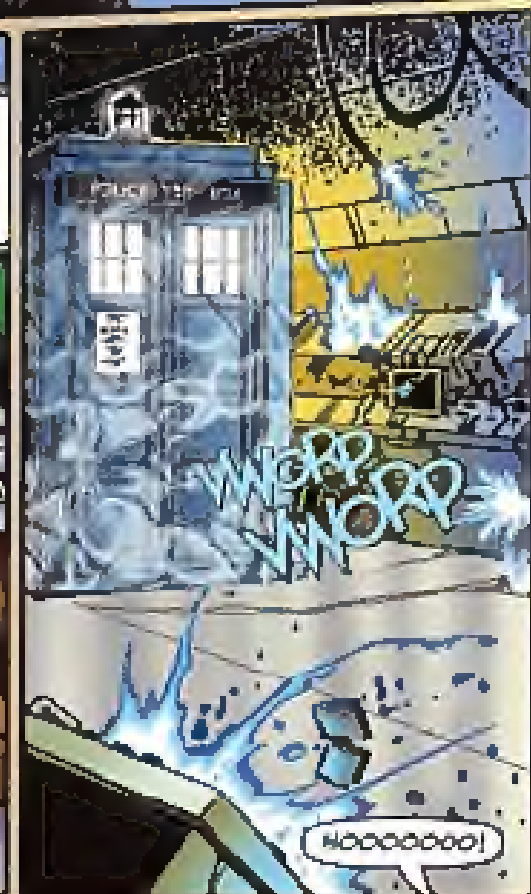
JUST HANGS AROUND
LONG ENOUGH AND
THE SOLUTION
USUALLY--



...REVEAL
ITSELF!

COULDP!

FZZK!



LATER...

BLOCKADE OVER!
WAR AVERTED!
REPORTER BROUGHT
HOME SAFELY!

ALL IN ALL,
NOT A BAD
DAY'S WORK!

GALACTIC NEWS
QUANTUM FACTS AT 5

Blockade of Yavin 4 ends in explosion. But questions remain.

I'D SAY

NOW, ARE YOU
SURE+CAN'T GET
YOU TO CHANGE
YOUR MIND?

WRITE THE BEST
STORY YOU CAN,
BUT LEAVE ME
OUT OF IT!

BUT BEFORE YOU
GO, ONE LAST
QUESTION?

DOCTOR...
WHOM?

HA!

ACTUALLY, I DO HAVE
AN ANSWER AND
THIS TIME YOU CAN
QUOTE ME...

NO
COMMENT!

THE END